

Takoma Park Recreation Department
COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with standards as set forth by the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

Our Coaches are the “face” of the program to our parents, players, officials, our schools and our community. Each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the court. The Coach’s primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and basketball players, and to instill a passion for the game in the players. Our Coach’s performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what he/she teaches the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

I hereby Pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a Winter Basketball League Coach and a City of Takoma Park Volunteer by following the Coaches’ Code of Ethics.

1. Show sportsmanship and respect for the opponent at all times.
2. Show sportsmanship and respect for the game officials at all times.
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the game of basketball.
4. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the Winter Basketball League.
5. Exercise and maintain self-control at all times when participating in all League practices/games.
6. Place the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of the desire to win.
7. Treat all participants as individuals remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for all age groups.
8. Provide a fun and safe playing environment for all participants.
9. Provide comparable playing time for all participants.
10. Exhibit proper ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, league officials and parents/guardians at practices and games.
11. Commit ourselves not to tolerate the use of foul or abusive language by our players, parents, friends and fans.
12. Know who to contact if the basic first-aid principles are needed.
13. Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all participants, officials and parents.
14. Remember that you are a youth basketball coach and/or basketball parent and that the game is for the youth players and not the adults.
15. Be reasonable in demands on players and all participants remembering that this is an instructional league.
16. Accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.
17. Make sure your players, parents, friends and fans, follow and understand this Code of Ethics and also follow the requirements of this code.

With my signature, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept the terms of and will do my best to fulfill the terms of this document. I understand that not upholding the terms of this code and agreement can result in removal from my coaching position and possibly suspension from participation the league.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE